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FREEHOLDERS PARTNER TO OFFER CAREER EXPO AT SALEM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Jeffrey J. Hogan, Chair of the County Social Services Committee, today announced that a task force has been assembled of various community partners to sponsor the Salem County Career Expo which will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 from 8:30 am- 1:30 pm at the Salem Community College.

"The Expo is more than a job fair," said Freeholder Hogan. "The Expo will allow participants to learn about career opportunities, preparation for potential jobs, career retraining resources, and assistance available to the unemployed, all free of charge. I am excited that so many community partners have come together to sponsor this Expo which will benefit those in our County who have been affected by the economic crisis we are facing. The Freeholders are grateful for their efforts."

The sponsors of the Career Expo include: the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Salem Community College, Salem County Chamber of Commerce, Salem County Vocational-Technical School, and Today's Sunbeam. The partners of the Career Expo include: the Salem County One-Stop Career Center, United Way of Salem County, Salem Board of Social Services, and Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

"The Career Expo will be a great resource for networking and learning about the services available to help people during these tough economic times," said Deputy County Administrator Robin Weinstein who serves as the Task Force Chair. "It gives our community partners from the business and non-profit sectors the opportunity to interact with job seekers, promote their organization, and support Salem County residents."

Workshops that will be offered include: Back to School/Here are the Basics, Resume Writing/Back to Basics, Interviewing Skills, I'm Unemployed. Now What?, Is It Time to Finish My College Degree or Pursue Career Training?, When life Throws a Curve: Managing Household Finances during Life Changing Events, Starting & Maintaining a Small Business, Exploring Career Opportunities in Health Care, Exploring Career Opportunities in Energy Programs, Exploring Teaching Opportunities Through New Pathways, and Exploring Career Opportunities in County and Municipal Government.



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"The sponsors and partners are committed to providing an array of resources to assist community members in this difficult economic climate," said Dr. Peter B. Contini, President of Salem Community College. "Our goal is to let people know they are not alone and not without options. Individuals should find the Career Expo extremely helpful."

For organizations and individuals interested in participating in the Career Expo, visit www.salemcountynj.gov to register. The event costs \$20 for organizations who wish to participate as vendors, which includes the cost of table and chairs. The Expo is free to the public; registration is not required for the exhibits.